the Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas to forward applications of teachers for inter regional transfers made on compassionate grounds;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that such transfer cases are not being considered w.e.f. 20-11-88;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(d) whether a telegram was sent to all Regional Officers of KVS on 15-11-88 asking for the supply of details of vacancies;

(e) if so, what is the justification of stopping transfers before the receipt of vacancy position from different regional officers;

(f) whether AIKVTA has made any representation protesting such section; and

(g) what is the reaction of the Sangathan thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan had advised the Regional Offices that applications of teachers seeking transfer on compassionate grounds should not be withheld.

(b) and (c) In the interest of education of the students, the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan maintains the seasonality in transfers and it has accordingly stopped general transfers in November till the next summer vacations.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The vacancy position was sought for updating the information about availability of teachers in schools. It is not related to ordering further transfers.

(f) and (g) No such written representation is available on the records of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

Clearance of bills of contractor in the railway

3312. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred question 729 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th November, 1986 and state:

(a) whether unsatisfactory work carried out by one contractor due to which two bills are lying unpaid was brought to his notice within six months, as required under the order dated 25th March, 1986;

(b) if not, what is justification for not clearing the bills of the contractor; and

(c) what are the dates of submission of goods to the Railways and date of the expiry of guarantee period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Dates of submission of the repaired goods, by the contractors were 21-7-86, 30-7-86 and 13-9-86 and expiry dates of corresponding guarantee period were 20-1-87, 29-1-87 and 12-3-87.

Priority to Members of Parliament in getting air reservation

3313. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the difficulties being faced